

Distinguished FCC panel,

I urge you not to relax the media ownership restrictions currently in place. I believe a diverse media to be the lifeblood of our democracy and our best guarantee of accountability and the prevention of abuse of power. I also do not believe that this can be achieved by diverse programming by a few owners. Ultimately, I believe the media is only as diverse as the numbers of owners. As the number of independently owned voices decrease, it seems to me that self censorship from media professionals and a focus on protecting the interests of the owners is inevitable, to the detriment of the public at large.

Respectfully Yours,

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